



Ron Kulak, recipient of an OSA honorary life membership award in 1986, will present this honor to Dave Schlichting at our annual dinner.

Step into the Celebration

On **Saturday, March 7th**, the OSA will sponsor its 9th annual dinner dance at Giannotti's Banquet Hall, 7709 W. Roosevelt in Forest Park. Giannotti's, the site of our '84 and '85 dances, always provides a wonderful setting for our great reunions. Last year, more than 165 members, their friends and families, attended. This year's event is again hosted by Chauncey and Mary Beth Nizio.

The doors open at 6:00 p.m. to a period of fellowship followed by a family-style dinner. An important event scheduled before dinner is our annual election. This year, members will vote to fill four (4) positions on the Board of Directors. Members may qualify to vote by paying their 1987 dues at the event. For an hour before dinner and immediately after dinner, an open bar will be available to our members and guests.

A short program (we promise) will follow the meal, consisting of membership recognition and the introduction of our 1987 Board of Directors. A special segment of this program will be the bestowal of Honorary Life Membership in the Owasippe Staff Association upon Dave Schlichting, who has devoted countless hours to the betterment of Owasippe and who has been an ardent supporter of our Association. Dave first worked at

Owasippe as a commissioner in 1970, then became a director of Camp Robert Crown and eventually an Assistant Reservation Director. His tenure at Owasippe continues into the present. He is a member of the Camp Operations Committee and during the summer volunteers his time to the operations of the business office at Owasippe. On this evening, the OSA will have an opportunity to recognize one of Owasippe's finest citizens, and we encourage our members to be a part of the ceremony.

After the program, our members will have plenty of time to renew acquaintances with old friends or join in the fun on the dance floor. Music will again be provided by "Good Times." Another new feature of the evening will be a silent auction, in addition to the raffle which we hold each year. The cost for the banquet is \$22 per ticket, payable before February 28. After this date, ticket prices are increased to \$25. Reservations must be made in advance by check or money order, payable to the OSA. For further information, please call Chauncey or Mary Beth at 562-4874.

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President's Perspective

by Pat Monahan



As I sit to write my last perspective as President, I am filled with many thoughts. I could write about the year we've completed, surely the most successful in our history, but I don't think I will. I could also write to thank the countless individuals who have made this year so rewarding, George Johnson, for example, who has committed countless hours to the development of a solid financial program for the Association or to Mike Finnegan for his terrific efforts as membership chairman, but I'll have time to thank these individuals at our annual dinner dance on March 7, so I don't need to do that now.

Instead I've chosen to share some of my thoughts about Owaspippe and the OSA. My reflections here probably began at the homecoming reunion in August. I learned then that Scott Weber had recently been hired (He was between jobs.) as waterfront director at Camp Blackhawk. Ed Kinnerk, Blackhawk Director, smiled knowingly when he informed me of Weber's arrival. In 1968, my first year on staff, Scott was my roommate. In 1977, my last year on staff, Scott was my waterfront

director. Now, eighteen years later, Scott had returned. I wasn't surprised. I didn't see him that weekend, in fact I haven't seen him since, but I know I'll see him in March, or May for sure. Then I'll razz him about the summer, half-staff and all, and he'll explain how they needed a waterfront director desperately and he was just helping out. I'll believe him too. He like others is always helping out at Owaspippe.

Somehow the friendships we forge at Owaspippe run deep, deeper than most others we form in our lives. Some of us become carpenters, others become physicians, but none of that seems to matter much. When we get together, we are all called back to a time when we carried corny nicknames into breakfast each morning and struggled with rain-soaked floorboards on Saturday afternoons. I suppose our feelings could be called nostalgia, but that seems too insincere a word, not strong enough to explain why Bill and Judy Lotter and John Pischl slept on the Stuart beach one night during the anniversary. The place is somehow connected with our friendships with others. To be at Owaspippe is to be with friends.

The OSA is an outgrowth of our feelings for Owaspippe and for each other. I once thought (some present staff members still think) that our members return to Owaspippe to relive their youth. I know I certainly tried to relive my youth my first few times back, but after a couple weekends I realized I was too old for that. Now I return to Owaspippe to see Scott and to see Bill and John, and to remember and maintain good friendships. Along the way, I work with others to make Owaspippe stronger. You see, I have an investment in the place. It, along with the OSA, continues to provide me with something permanent. I hope it never changes.

Survey Results Give Direction to The Board of Directors

In June, Mike Finnegan, on behalf of the membership committee, polled our members regarding their attitudes toward some of the issues which face the Board of Directors. Approximately 20% of our members completed the survey and took time to comment on the direction of the organization. On the whole, these members were pleased with the general direction of the Association.

About social events, the members universally disagreed with the statement that the OSA should decrease the number of social events offered during the year. Most felt that the present number of social events was adequate. A few suggested an increase, noting smaller functions like the road rally and the candlelight bowl. In keeping with this response, the Board has authorized a small number of special interest functions in the next calendar year (See calendar article in this newsletter.).

On the subject of sponsoring a major capital development project at Owaspippe, thirty-seven members

expressed approval, while only one member rejected the concept. Those who support the concept differ somewhat about the frequency with which such projects should be completed. Nineteen members believe a project is necessary every two or three years. Another fourteen members favor four or five years. The average is every 3.7 years. In this respect the Board of Directors has been on target, with the shower house project completed four years prior to the field sports ranges.

About membership and the rights of membership categories, the survey provides some direction to the Board. Only seven of thirty-nine members support a proposal to allow professional scouts on the Board. On the other hand, twenty-two of forty support the proposal for associate OSA members (scouters) to serve on the Board. Some members suggested that one or two seats on the Board be allotted to associate members. Twenty-six members favor lowering the membership age to allow more accessibility to the present camp staff, many of whom leave camp before they are twenty-one. Five of these members suggested lowering the age to eighteen while others suggested a separate membership category or nineteen. Twelve members wanted to hold the present age. Most of them expressed concern about the sale of alcoholic beverages at some of our social functions. Twenty-one members favor the expansion of membership services while nine members believe such expansion is unnecessary.

The survey also provides direction for the editors of this newsletter. Eighty-five per cent of the members polled recommend the inclusion of more information on Owaspippe and more information about our members. In contrast, only thirty-six per cent of these members are interested in news about the Chicago Area Council. In

general, the sentiment of the membership here is that Council news is important only in so far as it pertains to Owaspippe. Comments on the newsletter were heartening. One member described it as "a pretty damn good newsletter." Another was concerned about the health of our editors: "If somebody has time to put in, great, but don't kill yourselves." The editors appreciate the concern here.

On the subject of a long term fund-raising program to start a maintenance endowment for Owaspippe, two thirds of the members polled support such a concept. More than eighty per cent also endorse the concept for the OSA to provide projects/services which benefit the working life of present camp staff members. Here, a number of members listed staff cabins as a possible option. Owaspippe has not built staff cabins since 1971.

The results of the survey as well as transcriptions of all comments were presented to the Board of Directors by Mike Finnegan at the November meeting of the Board. This material then provided the focus for the December meeting. Pat Monahan thanked Mike for his efforts and said, "For perhaps the first time, we have been given a clear sense of direction from our members. We need to follow up on their concerns. Most important, we now see the benefit of checking with our members on some of the more difficult issues we will face in the future."

Members who have not yet completed their resource surveys are encouraged to do so as soon as possible. Information from this survey will be placed in the OSA data base and will be used for future projects. Mike Finnegan wants to thank all members who returned their surveys.

Membership Continues to Grow; Most Active Members in History

As the new year begins, the OSA can proudly announce that its membership has reached an all-time high. We now have more than three hundred active members. In 1986 alone, more than fifty members joined our Association. This tremendous growth can be attributed to the strong efforts of our membership chairman, Mike Finnegan and to Bill Schaefer, a member of his committee. We would also like to welcome our newest life member, **Sue Blew**, a member of the 1968 and 1969 Family Camp staffs.

Lin Carter, Chief Scout Executive for the Chicago Area Council, joined the OSA in November. Lin has been

in Chicago a little more than a year and has already applauded the '86 accomplishments of the OSA. His membership in our Association is further evidence of his support to the efforts of the OSA. Joining Lin from the Chicago office are **Debbie Myzinski** and her husband **Mario Jauregui**. Debbie is the comptroller for Owaspippe. She and Mario were married in the Fall. Debbie's father, **Herb**, has also joined the OSA.

Another new member is **Vince Rychtanek**, a nine-year member of the Owaspippe staff (1978-1986). Vince began working in the Blackhawk dining hall, then worked as an aquatic aide. In '81 he ran the survival outpost and in '82 the logging outpost. From 1983 through 1986 Vince worked on Pack and Paddle, which he directed this past summer. Vince is now working for the

city of Urbana as a cartographer. From Cicero District comes **Ken Kahren**, who has organized provisional units at Owasispe since 1983. Ken has much experience, as a cub master 1963-1967, as scoutmaster 1967 to 1969 and as unit commissioner 1969-1986. Another veteran of provisional units and new member is **Terry Buzzard**. Terry is a district executive with the Chicago Area Council, where he has been employed since 1977. He served as program director for Camp Akela (Owasippe Webelo Camp) in 1978 at Camp Carlen. A native of Reynaldsville, PA, Terry served in several camp positions before coming to Chicago.

From the 1978-1980 Camp Reneker staffs comes **Beth Peraino**. Beth is now a Commodity Accounts Representative for Lind-Waldock. Another new member is **Rich Adorjan** from Indian Boundary District. A Blackhawk camper, Rich has served as scoutmaster, as district camp promotion chairman, and as Assoc. Lodge Advisor. In 1985 he attended the National Jamboree as a

sub-camp staff member and last summer attended the National Order of the Arrow conference in Mt. Pleasant, MI. He has earned the Scouter's Key, the Commissioner's Arrowhead and Key, and the District Award of Merit. His wife Mary is also a Woodbadge graduate, and along with their two sons, Robert and Rick, are very active in scouting. Also joining the OSA is **Nat Harrington**. A father of nine children, Nat is the scoutmaster of troop 543 in Southwest District. He is a retired member of the Army, where he served thirty years in various overseas posts.

It is time again to re-register your membership with the OSA. Annual dues are \$5. Multiple-year registrations are welcome. Life membership is \$100... paid only once. HINT: To check your registration status, look above your name on the mailing label. Questions regarding membership may be directed to Mike Finnegan at 586-4260. A membership renewal/application form is printed at the back of this issue for your use.



The Blackhawk stream, one of the beauties of Owasispe in the winter.

Owasippe Benefits Available to OSA Members

A number of opportunities are available to OSA members to enjoy the pleasures of Owasispe. Bill Morrison, Reservation Director, has given permission for OSA members to use the properties of Owasispe during the off-season. Cabins at Staff Village and Family Camp are generally available for rental from May to November. Reservations can be made by calling the Chicago Area Council Camping Service directly at 312-559-0990.

Owasippe provides a wonderful setting for that get-away weekend in late October or November. While cabins are not rented in the winter (Cost of heating and plowing precludes rentals), members may use the properties for cross country skiing and other activities. Many members stay in Whitehall, but spend the day along the two-tracks at camp. Members should check in with Don Studaven, the Director of Properties, when they arrive at camp. In the spring also, Owasispe offers a spectacular package of outdoor activities, a very fast

White River and some terrific trails. Have you seen Owasispe recently? Make some plans to visit soon.

Another terrific opportunity is to be a volunteer at Owasispe during the summer. Come for a week, two weeks or perhaps the full summer. For several summers, Bob Ward, an OSA member, as well as several others, has worked two weeks as a volunteer commissioner at Camp Blackhawk. Last summer, John Sanchez and Guy Gogliotti worked as rangers in the maintenance area. If you would like to volunteer your efforts in some way to the summer program, call Bill Morrison at the Council office. If you are interested in learning more about the opportunities available to you, you may also call Bill Schaefer at 774-9368.



Please remember that all members of the OSA, as all people who use the facilities at Owasispe, are subject to the rules and regulations of the Reservation as set by the Camp Development and Properties Committee and the ranger staff. We are their guests. Your individual actions directly reflect of the OSA as an organization. So, have a good time, but be courteous and... be a good scout.



A Successful Summer, But Camp Committee Works To Solve Problems

Each year, scouters at Owasippe have an opportunity to evaluate the program and facilities of the Reservation. This year, a report was prepared by Dave Schlichting, who tabulated data from 323 camp appraisal forms, which were submitted during the summer. Dave reports that Owasippe had an excellent summer in 1986.

The forms completed by scouters included 29 items. Scouters were asked to evaluate camp facilities, the merit badge program, the high adventure programs, food services and the camps staffs. As expected, campers praised all of the camps staffs for their excellent programs and services. Their praise indicated a consistency in policy, distribution of supplies, fairness of maintenance priorities and staff professionalism. A review of the appraisals reiterated that 1986 was a superior summer, which was also substantiated by the "A" rating by the Regional inspection team in July.

The area of concern almost universally expressed was the lack of repair and/or replacement of equipment. The

most complaints regarded tents and floorboards with the river canoes running a close second. While the problems here are large, a plan to resolve these problems has been developed by the Council Camping Committee. The first phase of this plan is being implemented for 1987. Each unit at Owasippe this summer will pay a \$25 site fee per week. With this revenue, the Council will purchase approximately 50 floorboard and tents. Combined with the fifty tents and floorboards purchased since last summer, Owasippe will have 100 new boards and tents in operation next year. Monies collected from future site fees will continue to be used to outfit campsites at Owasippe.

A solution to the problem of damaged river canoes and equipment has been provided through the Fossette Foundation, which has indicated that it will purchase \$10,400 in equipment for the river program this summer. They are expected to purchase 16 canoes and the attendant life jackets and paddles. Last summer the Fossette Foundation provided \$10,000 for the sailing base, which was outfitted with new sailboats as well as new storage facilities.

Other concerns expressed by Scouters were minimal. Surprisingly, few scouters objected to food or food services. Hank Steggall and his staff at PFM are again to be commended. Another giant commendation should go out to Sheridan Nunn, the curator of the E. Urner Goodman museum. More than 90% of the campers at Owasippe visited the museum, and his program was universally praised, not a single criticism. The museum has become one of the highlights of the Reservation, and during the OSA 75th anniversary, Sheridan went out of his way to allow private showings for our members. An honorary life member of the OSA, Sheridan has developed an exemplary program.

In Memory of Good Scouters

We are sorry to report the passing of long time scouters and associates. Some were members, but all were instrumental in the making of Owasippe's heritage. Our deepest condolences are extended to their families and friends.

Keith Nickels, 60, Vice-Chairman of Chicago Area Council, BSA. Previously Council Commissioner for six years, Institutional Representative of Unity Lutheran church in Phoenix District. In scouting since the age of 12, Keith was an Eagle Scout, Order of the Arrow member, Silver Beaver, recipient of the District Award of Merit and the Lamb Award. He is survived by his wife Phyllis; two sons; two daughters; and six grandchildren.

Rudy Bevignani, an early member of the OSA died suddenly in December. A member of Troop 600 for many

years, Rudy moved to Woodridge, where he became the scouting coordinator for Troop 153. A recipient of the St. George Award, Rudy was very active in St. Scholastica parish and with his wife Cecilia (Ceel to her friends) started and maintained the scouting religious award program. Rudy's leadership and direction are best illustrated by a number of Eagle Scouts from his troop, including his two fine sons, Larry and Gerry.

George M. Warta Sr., 47, deputy sheriff in Bucks County, Pa. for the last eight years died in an auto accident in Warminster, Pa. George was a former district executive for the Chicago Area Council. He served on the Owasippe staff for many years in aquatics and in 1969 directed Wolverine South. He was an Eagle Scout and member of the Order of the Arrow and served as scoutmaster for troop 200 at St. Andrews church. George is survived by his wife, Doris; a son, George; a daughter, Jaci, his mother, Irene Warta of Woodstock; and a bother.

Board Sets 1987 Calendar: Something For Everyone

The calendar of events for the OSA has been established by the Board of Directors, and it includes not only our most familiar events, but also a few new activities. We will again hold our three major social events, the annual dinner dance (1st Saturday in March), the annual picnic (last Sunday in August), and the pizza nite (day after Thanksgiving). These events offer opportunities for the total membership to meet and share in the fun. We'll also have another reunion at Owasippe (July 31-August 2). Last year, more than eighty OSA members and their families enjoyed a bright summer weekend at Camp. This year we again look forward to the dedication of two more field sports ranges.

In addition to these activities, the Board will also sponsor a series of smaller social activities, designed to involve particular groups in our membership. In June, for instance, Mike Sanchez and Frank Chlebek will guide a group of our adventurous members and their friends down the Wolf River in Wisconsin. In September, Tom Bolbot and Chauncey Nizioi will organize a golf outing. Sometime in the Fall, we'll sponsor a day at the Morten Arboretum. We'll set a minimum number of participants for each event, in most cases ten, and information regarding these activities will be mailed to our members

as the plans become available. The Board encourages members with an idea for an event and a willingness to sponsor it to contact George Johnson, who will coordinate the calendar process.

The OSA will continue to schedule work weekends, beginning with the Spring Fix-It on May 15-17. This year, the OSA will also sponsor a summer Fix-It, on July 18 at Camp Kiwanis. Camp Kiwanis has been good to the OSA, providing facilities for several of our events, most notably the Children's Christmas Party. On this day, we hope to repay their kindness. We have also scheduled a near-by picnic grove for our workers later in the afternoon. With the Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center just across the street, this day should provide a day of enjoyable activities for the whole family. In keeping with tradition, we'll also offer a Fall Fix-it and Family Weekend at Owasippe during the three-day Columbus Day weekend. Our members work on Saturday only, then have two days to enjoy the properties. On Saturday, our coordinators of this event schedule activities for the kids.

Members have already received OSA calendars, which outline many of the dates listed above. Our calendar is also printed in each newsletter. Locations of events will be printed in the newsletter as soon as they become available. The Board of Directors hopes to see every member at an event this year. Mark your calendars!

Project Update

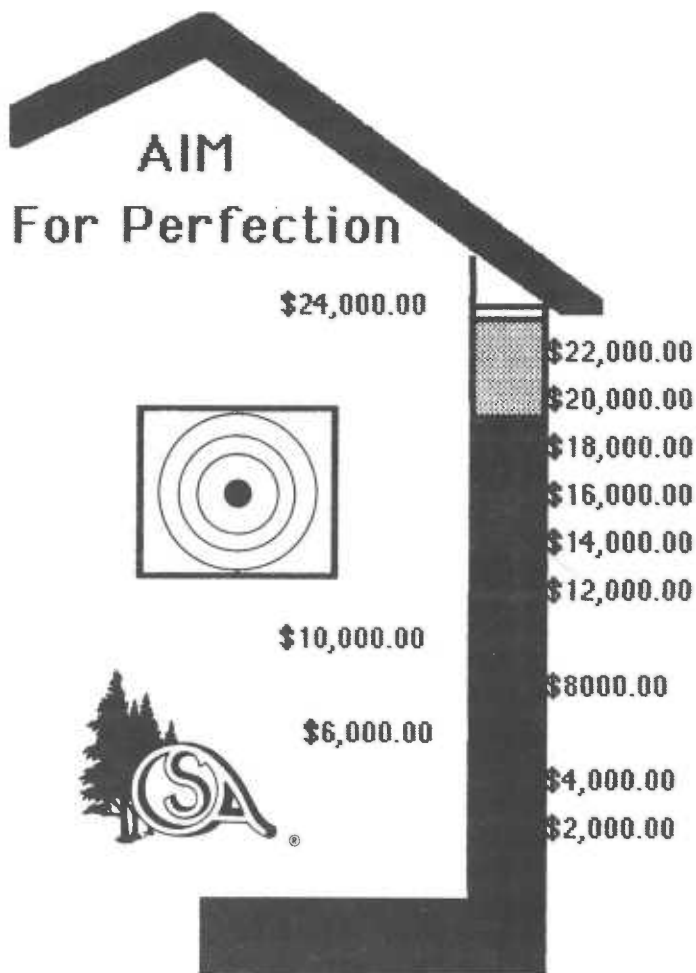
Project Committee Makes Plans, Heads for the Home Stretch

The OSA project committee is making its final plans to complete the two-year \$24,000.00 project it initiated in the summer of 1985. Drawings of the Wolverine and Robert Crown renovations have been completed by Reinhard Plaut and bids have been accepted for the materials needed to complete the project. In October, Pat Monahan, project coordinator, authorized Seyferth Construction of Montague to pour concrete foundations for both buildings.

In the remodelling, the OSA will add a 16' by 20' pavilion on the existing structure, a 10' by 40' by 7' shelter, forming a "T." This new pavilion will house a 16' by 16' merit badge area and a 4' waiting area. A locking storage cabinet, similar to the ones at Blackhawk and Carlen, will also be added at one end of each existing structure.

Heading up the project team again this year are Bob Bavirsha and Tony Krier, who will briefly discuss the status of the project at our annual dinner in March. At this dinner, all of the members of the project committee will be recognized for their superlative efforts in realizing our ambitious goals. Please make plans to attend the dinner to give this group the recognition they deserve.

The Spring FIX-IT is scheduled for May 15-17, and once again the project committee calls upon our members to join us on the work site. Though we have completed the largest phase of our efforts, we are far from done, and we must do more than celebrate last year's success. We need to finish the job. With a good turnout, we'll complete the project and have an opportunity to celebrate it in a staff village bonfire. We have reserved all nineteen village cabins for the weekend so we can look forward to a day of hard work and then an evening of fellowship.



Have You Given to the Project?

As the attached graphic demonstrates, the OSA has not yet reached its target goal. At present, we have pledges totalling \$23,430.00, which leaves us \$570 short of our goal. If you have not yet made a donation, please consider making one today. The project graphic also reveals that while we have received the above amount in pledges, we have to date received only \$19,900.00. At this time, we urge members to redeem the pledges they made toward our goal in November of 1985. Without your help, we may not be able to meet our 1987 goal.

We ask that donors pay some of their pledges prior to February 1 so that we may move forward with our project plans. We also request that they make final payments by April 1. Our May 15-17 FIX-IT weekend promises to be a great success with everyone's support.

Members who make donations to the project are eligible to receive premiums. Contributors of \$250.00 or more will receive an attractive OSA jacket as well as an OSA cap (\$100.00) and OSA travel mug (\$50.00). Donors of \$500.00 will also receive two tickets to our annual March dinner dance. Contributors of \$1000.00 will receive additionally a stainless steel inscribed plaque.

Follow-Up



OSA Teams Accomplish Major Projects at Fall FIX-IT

The OSA Fall FIX-IT/Family Weekend at Owassippe in October was a huge success. Our largest turnout in history, forty-six OSA members completed several

significant projects at camp. More than eighty people participated in the weekend events.

On Saturday, a bright sun greeted workers at the Family Camp Lodge. After a continental breakfast, workers divided into teams. One group, under the leadership of Tony Krier, travelled to the waterfront at Camp Robert Crown, where they demolished the pier. Earlier in the summer, Tony and Guy Gogliotti had taken out the Carlen pier, which had also become rotten and unsafe. This job took almost two weeks during the summer. On this day, Tony and his crew removed the Crown pier in less than six hours. A large reason for the increased efficiency was that Roger Bevans came to the FIX-IT from Montague and drove the back hoe.

A second crew, under the leadership of Edgar Wolff-Klammer, built the frames for a new floating pier at the Maintenance Shop. Edgar was ably assisted by

Frank and Nancy Chlebek, Tiny and others. At last year's Order of the Arrow weekend Tiny led a group of OA members in the construction of the new floating dock for Carlen. Edgar's crew also had an opportunity to complete or start nineteen new floorboards, which will be used in troop sites next season.

A third crew was coordinated by Phil Pappas. He and his crew completed the first phase of a remodeling job in the A-side sanitary unit at Camp Reneker. They removed all interior walls and disconnected all plumbing fixtures. In the Spring, perhaps at the FIX-IT, the interior of the building will be remodelled. Other projects completed included electrical work and general maintenance at Ad Center.

One challenging project which is not yet completed is the roofing of the Wolverine Chapel. This badly needed job was begun by the OSA roofing crew in October. Among the crew were Dave Parrish, Scope, and Guy Gogliotti. This project had been postponed for several years because it was considered too difficult and required outside contractors. In October, the OSA team received approval to complete the work, and they quickly hurried onto the soaring roof. In their first weekend of work, they completed half the Chapel. They expect to finish the job in the Spring.

Again this year, the weekend events were organized by Jim and Linda Schlichting, who did another terrific job.

They not only coordinated the work projects, but also prepared meals for workers throughout the day. This year the OSA invited families and workers to a sumptuous Italian feast on Saturday night. The meal included fresh fruit, salad, lasagna, manicotti, vegetables, garlic bread and a variety of desserts.

The Saturday night festivities included a giant campfire, which was built by Bob Lotter and Bill Williams. Bill, by the way, had not returned to Owasisippe since he last served on staff at Stuart in 1968. The fire brought out all the OSA members as well as some members of the Camp Committee, which was meeting at Owasisippe.

On Sunday, children hiked to the marl beds to see one of the natural wonders of Owasisippe. In the afternoon, they enjoyed the pony cart rides, which were again provided by Ken and Mary Meyer of Montague, who also supplied many items from their garden for the Saturday meal. A special thanks also goes to Bob Halston who provided the set and the setting for the Bears game Sunday afternoon. Many OSA members stayed through Monday to enjoy the beautiful scenery at Owasisippe. Several canoed on Lake Wolverine.

All in all, the Fall FIX-IT/Family weekend offered a grand time to OSA members and their families. We also completed several major projects at Owasisippe. The Columbus day weekend has already been selected for the Fall FIX-IT next year so plan to join us next October.



A busy room fills with conversation about Owasisippe at the OSA Pizza Nite.

Pizza Nite Opens the Holiday Season

The annual pizza nite offered an evening of enjoyment to a large number of OSA members and their friends. Mike Finnegan, chairman of this year's event, which was held

for the fourth time at the Stempien VFW, called the event a great success.

Like all Pizza nites, this one offered our members plenty of great pizza and lots of fellowship. One of the members who attended an OSA event for the first time was Chuck Goes, who is now an insurance broker. Chuck worked at Ad Center in the mid sixties. Bill and Judy Lotter visited from Oklahoma and Vince Rychtanek stopped in from Champaign.

Mike O'Reilly fired up the crowd by leading a medley of Owasisippe songs. Attendance by members of the present staff was strong, and several became new members of the Association. Tony Krier set up shop to discuss the project and the goings-on at Owasisippe, where he spent several weeks in October. As everyone expected, we had a wonderful time.



Everyone pauses for a photograph with Santa.

Recipe For a Holiday Party

A Sunday Afternoon in December
OSA Families

Bowling with Christmas Tree Pins
Snowman Bean Bag Toss
Pin the Nose on Rudolf
A Large Yellow Elephant Pinata
Delicious Cookies
Scrumptious Candies
Helium Balloons
Story Time
Santa
Presents

Combine all ingredients in the Camp Kiwanis Lodge, mix gently and enjoy. That's exactly what many OSA families did on December 14 when we gathered for our annual Children's Christmas party. This recipe and many of the ingredients were provided by chefs Ron and Mary Faye Pezdek, whose culinary talents delighted all who attended. A special thank you to Mary's father, Mike Nezda, who served in that special Holiday capacity. Already we've learned that Santa has scheduled another visit with OSA families on December 13, 1987 at Camp Kiwanis. He already knows the way, he's promised to load the sleigh, so join us on that day. See you next year.

Newsbriefs

New Director of Services Appointed

On November 1, Gerald J. Sanders joined the Chicago Area Council as Director of Support Services. Gerry recently served as Scout Executive in Portsmouth, Ohio, where he experienced some of the same problems he will face in Chicago, a deteriorating economy and declining youth population.

Gerry brings unique talents to Chicago, many from his successful experience as a member of the Dan Beard Council in Cincinnati, Ohio for fifteen years, where he served as District Executive, Director of Special Projects (Scouting in the inner-city), Cub Scouting Executive, and Field Director. He was instrumental in establishing a Cub Scout camping program which is renown throughout the Scouting Movement.

Gerry has served on Wood Badge staff and as Director of Cub Day Camp School. Following college, he studied the Czech language at the Army Language school and served with the Army Security Agency in Germany.

The OSA extends a warm welcome to Gerry. One big project which he will spearhead is the Cub Scout

Adventure Center at Camp Hoover, Yorkville. By the way, Gerry has earned much recognition for his expertise in volunteer/professional relationships. Already, he's a strong OSA supporter. We wish him well in his new position.

Key Staff at Owasippe Named for '87

Bill Morrison	Reservation Director
Kevin Ryan	Asst. Res. Director for Program
Brian Arcenau	Asst. Res. Director for Services
Tom Cowley	Dir. of High Adventure Programs
Bob Damen	Director of Camp Robert Crown
Jim Gallagher	Director of Camp Carlen
Terry Horvath	Director of Camp Reneker
Ed Kinnerk	Director of Camp Blackhawk
Bill Schaefer	Director of Camp Wolverine

OSA Efforts Translate Into Savings

This year for the first time, the Chicago Area Council has completed an expenditure/income analysis of OSA programs at Owasppe. The goal of this analysis was to provide clear evidence to the Council of the benefit of OSA programs. In computing expenditures, Bill Morrison, Director of Camping, considered food costs for the Spring Fix-It weekend and housing costs (lost revenue) for all OSA functions at Owasppe. The expenses to the Council for 1986 totaled \$3280.50. Income was computed in terms of manpower hours, at \$5.50 per hour. Income from our two Fix-It weekends in 1986 totalled

\$8525.00. Bill Morrison noted in his presentation to the Camp Operations Committee that the hourly wage is far below the amount the Council would need to pay to employ the skilled labor which is provided by the OSA. The income totals also do not account for the significant number of volunteer hours which are provided at Owasppe each summer by many OSA members. If a dollar amount for that work alone were computed, the OSA would contribute an additional \$8,000 in labor to the summer operation. Steve Horvath, chairman of the Camp Operations Committee, noted the significant contribution of the OSA to Owasppe and thanked our members for their continuing support.

The Galloping Grapevine

GOOD NEWS FROM THE BUSINESS WORLD... **Mike Hierl**, who has been keeping himself quite busy over the years as a patent attorney, has applied his services and knowledge into his own law firm, Olsen and Hierl, 333 W. Wacker, Chicago. We wish Mike and his associate well.

SOMETIMES GOOD NEWS COMES IN PAIRS... **John Kosik** has recently been chosen as the lay advisor to the Owasppe Lodge of the Order of the Arrow replacing Dave Demerer, who has been overseeing OA operations for many years. John was once Lodge Chief and has recently served as the Lodge Camp Promotion Coordinator. Just prior to this announcement, John made one of his own... his engagement to **Jayne Kelly** of Iselin, New Jersey. An August 29 wedding is planned in Chicago.

SPEAKING OF ENGAGEMENT... **Susan Coussens**, staff beach lifeguard for two summers, has announced her engagement to **Daniel Ray Harkins** of Norwood Park. Their wedding is planned for October.

NEED A DOCTOR?... **Vince Freeman** lives in Hyde Park, where he is studying medicine at the University of Chicago. Vince expects to begin his residency soon in internal medicine.

FROM CAMP TO COACHING AND BACK... **Bill Schaefer** is the new men's basketball coach at Niles College of Loyola University (Harlem and Touhy) in Niles, IL. Bill will also be returning to Owasppe for his 14th consecutive summer as a camp director. He'll direct Camp Wolverine.

WASTING BUSINESS CARDS... **Joe Sener** has been appointed Director of Engineering and Quality Assurance at Miller Fluid and Power. In just two and one half

years, Joe has been Project Engineer, Senior Project Engineer, Manager of Engineered Products and Chief Engineer. Congratulations, Joe, that's some climbing!

NEWS FROM THE NORTH WOODS... **Joe Alonso** has reported in from Buckley, Michigan, where he is working with a moving company. The big news, Joe and **Bonnie Wells** are expecting their first child in June.

A NEW ARRIVAL... **Christopher Michael Drazba** arrived in October in good health and weighed in at 8.2 pounds. He was 22 1/2 inches long. **Chris** and **Mike** report that Christopher is doing wonderfully.

GREETINGS... to **Patrick Raymond Bigsby**, who arrived on January 8 at 5.31 p. m. Patrick was 21" long and weighed 8 pounds 7 3/4 oz. Congratulations to his proud parents, **Brock** and **Judy**.

CONGRATULATIONS... to **Chuck Nagel** and **Ed Wendling**, both OSA members, who received Scouting's distinguished award for volunteer service, the Silver Beaver, on January 24th as part of the Chicago Area Council's Annual Dinner.

CHICAGO'S FINEST... Best wishes to **Gale Stoffregan** who graduated this Fall from the Chicago Police Academy.

OUR SINCEREST GET WELL WISHES... go out to **Sheridan Nunn**, who is recovering from quadruple bypass surgery. He surprised everyone recently with his resiliency by attending the 65th anniversary banquet of the Order of the Arrow in Late December.

CONGRATULATIONS... are extended to **Keith Tenczar** who also recently announced his engagement. A November wedding is planned. Keith is also planning to buy his first home soon.



George Johnson and Larry Scinto prepare for lift-off on another OSA voyage.

UP, UP AND AWAY! . . . At the dinner dance last year, **Larry Scinto** won the balloon ride, which is annually donated to our raffle by our resident balloonatic **George Johnson**. In November, Larry and George flew from the Will County Fair Grounds.

CONGRATULATIONS . . . to **Mike Fisher** who will be installed as Monarch of El Jaala in the Grotto of Chicago.

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Mike, a life member of the OSA, was a member of the '56 through 60 Owasippe Staffs.

SOMEWHERE OUT ON THE NORTH BRANCH . . . **Tom and Eileen Crissey** are expecting their second child.

GOT SOME NEWS . . . Mail information to the OSA care of *VIBRATIONS*. Our members would love to know about you. Included in this newsletter is a form which you may use to keep us up to date. If you haven't checked in for a while, do so today!

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The Latvians are coming; the Latvians are coming. Owasippe has been selected as the site of the Fifth International Latvian Jamboree from August 22 through August 30. For what may be the first time in history, Owasippe will have a tenth period. More than 500 scouts and scouters are expected to participate in the eight-day program.

This jamboree is unique in that while all scouts will be registered members of the Scouts, the jamboree itself is not a recognized part of the Scouting program. Only countries which presently exist may sponsor jamborees. This jamboree, then, is a symbol of national unity for a large community of Latvians living throughout the world. In the spirit of this unity, the language of Owasippe for the last week in August will be Latvian. Don Studaven, we're sure, is already brushing up on his Latvian greetings.

The male and female scouts who participate in the events will come from all ages in scouting, from cubs and brownies through explorers and voyagers. Camp Blackhawk, for instance, will be the site of the contingent of young scouts, while Camp Wolverine will provide the setting for older scouts. In addition to these sites, plans have also been developed to use the other section camps on the reservation, including family camp and staff village.

Hank Steggall and his PFM crew will provide meals for the hungry campers. Other support requested from Owasippe is minimal. The Latvian group will include medical and nursing staffs, program staffs, waterfront staffs and dining hall staffs.

In an era when utilization of Owasippe is declining, it is particularly nice to see this special program at Camp. Owasippe has on a few other occasions provided the setting for special programs such as this one, but this program will surely be the largest in history.

Picture Time



Undaunted, a bright yellow elephant pinata awaits its fierce attacker.



Pin the red nose on Rudolph. This shouldn't be too hard. Hey, point me in the right direction!



Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house not a creature was stirring.



Ron Pezdek discusses Snowman beanbag toss strategy with an anxious participant.



The happy children gather around Santa.



Mark Behnke explains how to handle objections at a Camp Promo Training Session in February.

OSA Members Assist in Camp Promotion and Training.

In camp promotion efforts this season, the OSA has worked closely with the Order of the Arrow and Bill Morrison, CAC Director of Camping. OSA members have assisted in many ways.

One group has worked with Gordie Stiefel on the Council Camp Promotion Committee. This committee has developed the promotion program for Owasppe '87. Each of the individuals on this committee has coordinated a component of the program, but all have worked together. Mark Behnke organized a Christmas promotion and is coordinating the efforts of the OSA. He has identified fourteen members who will visit with scout leaders at roundtables and at other adult functions in order to promote the programs of Owasppe.

Assisting Mark in his efforts are Tom Bolbot, Mike Bolbot, Jerry Brown, Bruce Dreschel, Mike Finnegan, Mike Frederick, Mark Karall, Ed Kinnerk, Bob Lotter, John Maluta, Roy Martino, Rudy Pesut, John Petrauskas, and Carl Young. If the program works as it is intended, Order of the Arrow representatives will visit scout troops, show the Owasppe slide presentation, and answer questions boys have about camp. Then OSA members will contact scoutmasters, follow-up upon OA visits and encourage registration.

John Kosik, also an OSA member on Gordie's committee, is coordinating the camp promotion efforts of the OA. Under his leadership, and with the help of Pat Romcoe, Lodge Vice Chief, John has completely revised the Owasppe slide presentation. He has also coordinated the development of *Where to Go Camping*, a book which includes hundreds of sites for camping in the midwest. This book has been distributed by the OA to scoutmasters throughout the council. Al Baldasty, another OSA member on Gordie's committee and a long-time veteran scoutmaster at Owasppe (Troop 600), is developing a

program for first time scoutmasters at Owasppe, which will be held at Camp Kiwanis in May.

Pat Monahan, also a member of Gordie's committee, has coordinated the efforts of two subcommittees. One group comprised of Ery Brinkman, Gary Hanson, and Bill Swihart developed a pamphlet describing the steps successful troops follow in preparing for summer camp. In this pamphlet scouters learn exactly what they must do and when. This pamphlet was recently reprinted in its entirety in the Owasppe insert in the *Scouter*, which has a wide distribution throughout the Council.



Another group organized and implemented a camp promotion training program for OA members, OSA members, and Camp Promotion Chairman. This committee included Mark Behnke, Gary Hanson, John Kennedy, John Kosik, Bill Morrison, Scott Reid, and Pat Romcoe. At an all-day meeting in December and at an evening meeting in February, the curriculum established by this committee was delivered to camp promotion team members. Part of the curriculum included a manual on Owasppe and promotion. At the meeting Pat described Owasppe '87 and discussed particular approaches to camp promotion. Gary Hanson showed the Owasppe slide presentation and discussed presentation tips. Mark Behnke discussed how to handle the objections of scouters. An experienced commissioner, Mark talked about accepting criticism, about redirecting attention away from problems toward solutions, and about answering common concerns expressed by scouters.

A significant part of this meeting was devoted to the presentation by John Kosik of an extensive data base of information on District Owasppe registration (boy and leader counts for all troops in all districts from 1985 and 1986). District personnel now have an excellent grasp of the history of registration in their districts.

While the OSA has assisted in camp promotion in the past, involvement has never been so extensive. The key to the OSA involvement this year has been in combining efforts with all groups promoting Owasppe, particularly the OA. Almost every individual cited in this report is a member of both organizations, and cooperation has never been better.



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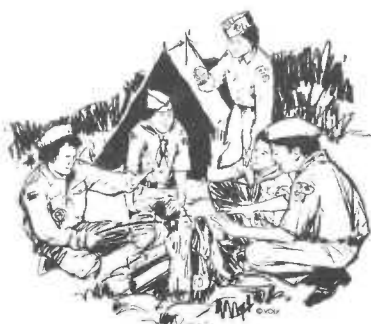
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Calendar of Upcoming OSA Events



March 7
Annual Meeting & Dinner Dance
Giannotti's Banquet Hall
Forest Park

May 15-17
Owasippe Spring Fix-IT
Staff Village

September 12
Golf Outing
TBA

July 18
Summer Fix-It &
Family Outing
Camp Kiwanis
95th & Willow Springs Rd.

October 9-12
Owasippe Fall FIX-IT &
Family Weekend
Family Camp

July 31, August 1,2
OSA Reunion & Dedication
Owasippe

November 27
Pizza Nite
TBA

August 30
Family Picnic
TBA

December 13
Children's Christmas Party
Camp Kiwanis

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